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DIARY NOTES

Friday, 17 July 1953

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1. Mr. Houston and I spent considerable time working with the Director on a reply to Senator McCarthy's letter in the [] case and on the Agency's comments concerning the proposed Executive Order to implement the organizational changes outlined in Chapter VII of the Jackson Report. (On Saturday morning we met again with the Director, and Messrs. Amory and Wisner agreed on the comments concerning the Executive Order. The Director has signed the memorandum, and it is en route to the Bureau of the Budget.) With reference to the McCarthy matter, the Director said he wanted to think about this over the weekend. However, it seems reasonably certain that we will go ahead with an outside board and complete the hearing before [] departure on or about 1 August. I will pursue this further on Tuesday when the Director returns from New York.

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2. At the Deputies Meeting this morning, Mr. Dulles said he would like to chat with [] about his trip to the Far East. I told Ernie about this and will make the arrangements when he gets back [] on Wednesday of next week.

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3. George Meloon reports that the Bureau of the Budget representatives were very surprised to learn that we were not counting in our supergrade ceiling the five positions that we supplied to PSB. As a result, I asked Ed Saunders to tell the Bureau of the Budget that we do not propose to do this and that, if it was their understanding, we did not propose to go ahead with the recommended promotion of []. In fact, I am inclined to delay this matter anyway until the new Operations Coordinating Board that is going to replace PSB is set up. At the moment it appears inconsistent to me that we would continue to furnish supergrades to a part of the National Security Council when we have heretofore refused to do this for the National Security Council itself. This will probably be all settled in the final Executive Order which comes out setting up the OCB.

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4. I talked to [] about [] and asked him to see if he could not rewrite this in a manner acceptable to the DD/P elements, which would not waive accountings, and so that we would not have to send it to the Director for approval.

5. Walt Pforzheimer telephoned to say that a Mr. Horton, House Appropriations Committee, had requested information as to how many square feet we had in our old warehouses (four of them), what rent we paid, and how many square feet we have and what rent we are paying in the new [] warehouse. Logistics and General Services are cooperating with Walt in getting the necessary information.

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6. [] was up to talk to me about [] and his resignation. I told Bob that I would see that the paper was routed through here for final clearance.

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9. [] called to express his unhappiness at the transfer of Mr. [] to the []. I agreed with him that we should retain [] in our Finance set-up, if possible, and I will pursue this with Ed Saunders.

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10. Ed Saunders and the Director went to the Hill to see Senators McCarthy, Mundt, and Ferguson concerning our Budget. Apparently, they did not discuss the Budget very much, but the Senators had other interests; specifically, it was [] which they wanted to discuss. However, Ed learned while he was there that in all probability the Senate had already done its work on our Budget, and we would get the same amount of money allowed by the House. (According to the [] Committee, and Ed advises me that, through this source, he is certain that the amount of money allowed us by the Senate would be the same as that allowed by the House.)

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11. [] telephoned to say that his new [] was going and to express his appreciation for the promptness with which we arranged for his office space. He hoped that he could get air conditioning later. I told him he would get some but that we couldn't air condition all the space. He seemed satisfied.

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12. I discussed rotation loan slots with [] and requested Personnel to prepare a staff study to the Director on this subject.

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